

The Cochrane Collaboration 20th Anniversary Facts and Figures
Celebrating our 20th Anniversary in 2013 and our 21st Colloquium
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The Cochrane Collaboration

is widely recognised as the gold standard in assessing and reporting research to determine the effectiveness of different healthcare treatments and interventions.

We are a not-for-profit, global network of approximately **28,000 contributors** (of whom the majority are volunteers, with only 500 paid staff) in more than **120**

countries. Our namesake is **Archie Cochrane** who authored '*Effectiveness and Efficiency: random reflections on health services*' (1972), which drew attention

to the need for evidence we can trust on what works in health care. Our **logo** represents a systematic review that had historical impact on reducing death rates



among newborns and mothers during childbirth. Our work touches on multiple aspects of health and health care – from gynaecological cancer, oral health, tobacco addiction to interventions designed to improve the delivery,

practice, and organisation of healthcare services. The Cochrane Collaboration was **founded in 1993**. There are **14 Centres, 17 Centre**

Branches, 53 Review Groups, 15 Review Group

Satellites, 16 Methods Groups and **11 Fields** including the

Consumer Network in The Cochrane Collaboration.

We have over **22,500** contributing **review authors**. Approximately **5100** of our contributors are located in countries with low- and middle-income economies. There are over **5400 reviews published** in *The Cochrane Library*, with another **2300** reviews underway. New and updated reviews are published monthly online in

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More than half the world's population already has **one-click access** to Cochrane Review content through licenses or free access through the low- and middle- income countries programme. All Cochrane Reviews and updates published from February 2013 will be available on an open access basis 12 months after publication in *The Cochrane Library*. Abstracts and plain language summaries are available to everyone for free in English, with a growing number in **Croatian, French, Portuguese, Simplified Chinese, and Spanish**. Translations of other language summaries are underway. We receive **funding** from and are partners with more than **125 health organizations**, universities, research facilities, and patient advocacy organisations from around the world. We do not accept commercial or conflicted funding. We are a trusted partner and resource for the **World Health Organization**.

We have hosted **20 Colloquia** in **15** different countries on **6 continents**. We want you to get involved! We are always looking for more researchers, health practitioners, policy-makers and consumer advocates to **become involved** in the work of The Cochrane Collaboration! **cochrane.org**

